

The Honorable McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
Washington 25, D. C.

Attached is a communication I received from Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee, transmitting the Honorable Frank C. Osmers' letter to him of January 31st, 1963. For your information the charges contained in Mr. Osmers' letter were made by him orally at my last meeting with Mr. Vinson's CIA Subcommittee and also when Secretary McNamara appeared before the full Armed Services Committee in late January.

I propose to meet with the Vinson CIA Subcommittee the week of February 17th and at that time discuss the content of Mr. Osmer's letter. In doing so I will use the content and the conclusions of my report to the Killian Board. It is my understanding that Dr. Killian and his Board have now reported to the President, and since their conclusions, drawn not only from my report but from their independent analysis based on a very broad study, will have a considerable bearing on the position taken by Mr. Osmer, I respectfully request that Dr. Killian's report to the President be released to me in advance of my forthcoming discussions with the Vinson Subcommittee.

Yours very truly,

signed by Walter Elder, Executive Assistant,
for
John A. McCone
Director

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ROBERT W. SMART, CHIEF COUNSEL

February 6, 1963


Honorable John A. McCone
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

During recent executive hearings on our military posture, numerous questions were raised with reference to our intelligence capabilities.

The most serious questions raised were voiced by Mr. Osmer, who is also a member of our CIA Subcommittee. I am attaching the letter which I have received from Mr. Osmer, and I would appreciate it if you would digest its contents and be in a position to discuss this matter with the CIA Subcommittee on the occasion of our next meeting.

Sincerely,


Carl Vinson
Chairman

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